of outside agencies to study management system of the CSD is an on-going process. Studies have been carried out in the past by organisations like College of Defence Management Tata Consultancy Services, DCM Data Products, INS Hamla and the NITT.

(c) to (e) As CSD's purchases are meant for sale to the troops and other entitled categories, the same are based on their preference/ choice. In such purchases, CSD does not discriminate between vendors, on the gound of size/capacity and no preference is shown to any category of suppliers. CSD's purchase-field is not confined to large cities; it is widespread and broad-based. The small scale entrepreneurs are regularly, encouraged to supply standard products.

Upgradation of ITR

1906. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal for the upgradation of the famed Interim Test Range (ITR) at Balasore in Orissa;

(b) if so, the various plans formulated and programmes prepared under the upgradation proposal; and

(c) the various steps taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) There is no proposal to upgrade the Interim Test Range (ITR). However continuous improvement of instrumentation in ITR is carried out to impart better operational features.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Insurance in North-East

1907. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of murders and killings, State-wise, on account of insurgent activities in each of the years since 1991-92 in the North Eastern region;

(b) whether any concrete evidence exists establishing formal or informal arrangements between terrorist groups in the North-Eastern region and agents of foreign intelligence; and

(c) whether the representations have been made to foreign Governments with whom we maintain diplomatic links about involvement of their agents in such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) The details are given in the statement (see below).

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Statement

Statewise number of killings Due to Insurgent activities During 1991-1998.

Sr. No	State	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
1	Arunachal Pradesh	1	0	5	2	0	0	15	4 (upto Oct.)
2	Assam	158	91	99	211	240	389	370	466 (upto Oct.)

3	Manipur .	97	128	595	466	247	182	344	135 (upto Nos. 15)
4	Meghalaya .	NA	NA	NA	4	6	7	3	13 (upto Oct.)
5	Mizoram .	15	18	7	0	0	0	4	(upto Nov. 15)
6	Nagaland .	16	67	105	141	105	192	135	39 (upto Nov. 15)
7	Tripura .	38	69	198	240	67	99	211	222 (upto Oct.)

NA—Not Available

Panel on police Reform

1908. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Supreme Court has asked Government to set up panel on police reforms;

(b) whether Independent Review Committee has been constituted to go into the recommendations of the Police Commission Report as well as the NHRC's suggestions to free the police from excessive political control; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Pursuant to the directions of the Supreme Court dated the 20th July, 1998, the Committee constituted by the Government submitted its first Report which has been sent for being filed in the Supreme Court as directed by it.

Freedom Fifihters Pension

1909. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the position regarding pending pension cases of freedom fighters' under the central scheme;

(b) if so, the details of pension cases settled during the last three years with State-wise break up and cases pending particularly from Maharashtra, as on 30th June, 1998;

(c) the details of steps/proposed for clearance of these cases;

(d) the State-wise expenditure under the scheme for the past five years, year-wise and State-wise and provision for the current year; and